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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:)
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HABERMANN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
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Application No.: 09/664,326) Examiner: H. Schnizer
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Filed: September 18, 2000)
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For: SIGNAL SEQUENCES FOR)
PREPARING LEU-HIRUDIN BY)
SECRETION BY E. COLI INTO THE)
CULTURE MEDIUM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellants request an oral hearing. This request is timely since it is made within two months after January 26, 2004, the date of the Examiner's Answer.

A check for the required fee of \$290.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 19, 2004

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